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# THE INDEPENDENT

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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY CO. PA.

E. S. MOSER,  
Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, Jan'y 4, 1900

CHAIRMAN SOLLY should pray fervently to be saved from the blandishments, public and private, of some of his friends.

The Quayite, over in Chester county, who has been found guilty of falsifying a primary election should be furnished the usual accommodations afforded by a county jail for a few months.

It is reported that large quantities of seed corn will shortly be shipped from this country to Russia for planting purposes. A firm in Reval, Russia, through its local agents, have secured the British steamer Urd, which will load at Port Richmond 262,500 bushels of American corn.

THE Poor Directors, Messrs. Kuder, Eppelheimer and Beiler and Steward Alderfer will not say that Mr. Alderfer's re-election was an anti-Quay or Quay victory. They know better. They know that Mr. Vorhees' withdrawal from the contest for Steward enabled them to put at least one spoke in the wheel of party harmony. That's the size of it.

THE investigation incidental to the transfer of the office of the Lancaster County Treasurer shows that E. H. Hershey, the retiring Treasurer, is a defaulter to the extent of \$65,000. Unfortunate stock speculations and poker and faro playing in Philadelphia gambling houses are believed to have caused the ruin of Mr. Hershey. All this may lead to another anti-Quay victory and a clover patch.

WHEN men come to persuade themselves that they embody all the virtues and none of the shortcomings of mortals in common, write it down that they have swelled heads and an inflated epidermis. An eye on them occasionally will not be amiss.

"He that thinketh he standeth let him take heed lest he fall."

This has no particular reference to lay preachers. It has a much larger and wider significance, and is as true as any preaching can be.

An accurate account of the proceedings at the Almshouse Monday is presented on the local page of this issue of THE INDEPENDENT. The reports published in the Philadelphia Press and North American Tuesday morning, which were largely incorporated into the Norristown dailies of the same day, were to a considerable extent incorrect and misleading. The claim that Mr. Alderfer's re-election was an anti-Quay victory is blatantly false, and the claim that Mr. Vorhees could not have been elected had he remained in the field is either evidence of downright ignorance as to the facts involved, or it was based upon a purposive falsehood intended to bolster up the particular interests of a faction of the Republican party. As to the Press and North American, those papers had to depend upon space writers under orders perhaps to furnish anti-Quay powder at every opportunity; but it is surprisingly strange that the newspapers of Norristown should be guilty of copying twaddle and buncombe, instead of making sufficient enquiry to enable them to arrive at the truth in relation to an important public matter.

If Chairman Solly was tickled by such political stuff as was current Tuesday about Norristown, then we are much in error as to his make-up.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, '99.

Very fittingly, Captain Sigbee and Chaplain Chadwick were placed in charge of the funeral arrangements of the remains of the Maine dead, buried yesterday at Arlington. The funeral was attended by the President, the Cabinet, and every naval officer who was in Washington. There were one hundred and fifty bodies.

The Lawton fund has grown so rapidly that the committee now has reason to hope that the total will reach \$50,000 by next week, when the subscription is to be closed.

If all the witnesses summoned from Montana by the Senate Committee on Elections, to tell what they know about the election of Senator Clark, obey the summons, the cost of the investigation, which is paid from what is known as the Senate contingent fund, will run up to at least \$40,000. About 80 citizens of Montana have been summoned, and every one that appears as a witness will be entitled to mileage amounting to about \$325 and \$2 a day.

Although the Roberts committee has yet to listen to the legal arguments for and against Roberts—

January 5 has been set aside for the lawyers—there are good reasons for the belief that the committee has already unanimously decided, on the evidence taken, that Roberts is a polygamist, and that decision means a report against him, which will not be opposed by a dozen members of the House at the outside, and may not be opposed at all. It has been nearly thirty years since the fifteenth amendment, which is the last, was added to the Constitution. The number of Constitutional amendments which have been proposed since Congress met indicates a belief on the part of numerous gentlemen that the time is ripe for further amendment. About forty resolutions providing for amendments have already been introduced, more than half of which are for the same purpose—the prohibition of polygamy. Others relate to marriage and divorce laws, the prohibition of the use of public funds for sectarian institutions, imposing a national income tax, a graduated inheritance tax, the suppression of trusts, regulating the hours of labor, extending the Presidential term to six years and making the President ineligible for re-election, to allow Senators to become members of the Cabinet and still retain their seats in the Senate, and, of course, our old, old friend, providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, which will probably be the first one to get adopted. But there is no immediate prospect of its adoption, notwithstanding its numerous supporters.

A number of gentlemen who drew good salaries as employees of the last Congress have been made to realize what a cold blooded thing political life is. They have lost their jobs, not because of any change of party control of the House but because their member, the man who got them their places, failed to get re-elected. As long as the work is easier and the pay larger as a rule than paid for similar service in the business world it will probably be a waste of space to advise men to take anything in preference to a political job, but it is none the less true that almost any sort of an occupation will pay better in the long run, not only in dollars and cents but in self-respect.

Representative Lawrence, of Mass., voiced the general Congressional opinion when he said: "There are many questions with dynamite in them, which Congress is likely to discuss after the holidays, and it seems to me that the session from now on should be one of unusual interest."

Lord Poncefort, the British Ambassador, laughed pleasantly when he said that he did not regard the sensational publications concerning the alleged recruiting of men in the U. S. to invade Canada in the interest of the Boers seriously enough to discuss them. That is also the view taken by Secretary Hay and other prominent officials. The stories are regarded as yellow journalism pure and simple, which means that nobody believes them.

The large number of applications for pensions—about 25,000—of soldiers who served in the war with Spain is doubtless the result of the enterprising pension agents work. The Commissioner of pensions expresses the opinion that only a small percentage of these applications will be allowed, because most of the disabilities alleged in claims would be found upon close examination to be of a temporary nature and not pensionable.

## WOMAN'S SPHERE.

BY VANDELIA VARNUM.

Vandelia Varnum says: "I confess I do not know what woman's sphere is, and more than that I do not want to know. I know that the majority of women love first and last and best of all the home. No power on earth or beneath the earth could wrench that love from them or make them false to it. I know there are some that fail there, not from outward conditions but from inward conditions.

"The idea that the bars must be put up to keep woman in her 'sphere' is too absurd. As well bar the heavens to keep the mother bird on her nest.

"So, I say, I do not want to know what woman's 'sphere' is, for fear if I did, I might do as some others try to do, clip and trim her to fit their own notions. A king, it is said, once thought he would give every man in his dominion a suit of clothes. Twenty ordered them all after one pattern. Some were found to be too long and some too short, some too slack and some too tight, and in each case he ordered the individual to be clipped or stretched, inflated or squeezed, according to the needs of the case. That is what some are trying to do with woman. As for me, I am willing to trust the Lord in making her, and trust her common sense after she is made.

"It is ticklish business going back and behind common sense in dealing with any question, but those who look back instead of forward, who counsel with custom instead of reason, with tradition instead of God, are likely to get in some difficult places. For instance, I ask a person, why a woman should sing in public and not speak, why should she recite the thoughts of

others and not her own thoughts; and he cannot answer me, and no one can. I ask another why she should perform in the theatre half-clad and not, in suitable attire, speak to the people on the questions of the day; why she should sit on public exhibition, in the theatre-box in scant dress, and not in modest dress pass quietly to the ballot-box to voice her convictions of right; and he cannot tell me, and no one can. I ask another why woman should be worked and pushed and promoted to everything in the church and not allowed to represent the church at her gatherings; why she should teach and pray and exhort with or without a text and give Bible readings, and not be allowed to preach; and he cannot tell me, and no one can.

"Sick, sick, sick of this idiosyncrasy of 'woman's sphere.' Give man his freedom, give woman her freedom, and they will both find their sphere, but let no one think to escape God's wrath when He says to a single soul, 'Thus far and no farther.'"

## California Fig Culture.

Although California has often been called the land of the orange and the fig, there have been, in fact, very few figs grown in the State, and these have been of a poor quality. According to the New York Evening Post, from which we glean our facts, more than sixty varieties have been, from time to time, introduced from various parts of the world and carefully nurtured and planted at the experiment stations, only to demonstrate that they would not bear in the United States, or at least in California. Only the White Adriatic and the Black Mission are relied upon to produce crops. The Mission fig, like the Mission grape, was introduced from Spain by the early Franciscan friars, and their successors have been able to add only one species to the fig culture in California, and that is the White Adriatic. Neither of these figs is very satisfactory, and they do not offer much competition to the Smyrna fig, the importations of which amount to \$2,000,000 per annum in value. Cuttings of Smyrna figs were brought into the State direct from Smyrna in the latter part of the eighties, and the cultivation of the fig was attempted without the aid of the fly called "blastophaga," which assists in the maturing of the figs.

## THREE ECLIPSES IN 1900.

THERE WILL BE TWO OF THE SUN AND ONE OF THE MOON.

There are to be three eclipses, two of the sun and one of the moon, in 1900. The total eclipse of the sun, May 28, will be visible to North America, but the annular eclipse, November 22, will be invisible in this country. The partial eclipse of the moon, June 12, will be visible in North America. The eclipse of the sun, May 28, will be first noticeable in this section at 7:30 in the morning and will last until 10:12, while the partial eclipse of the moon will begin hereabouts at 10:17 p. m. and end at 10:35. In 1900 Mercury will be evening star about March 8, July 4 and October 29, and morning star about April 22, August 19 and December 7. Venus will be evening star till July 8, and then morning star the rest of the year. Jupiter will be morning star till December 11, then evening star again the rest of the year.

## PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Mrs. Duncan Little, of Chambersburg, took a large drink of carbolic acid in mistake for medicine, which was in a similar bottle beside the poison. Her mouth and lips are badly burned, but she was saved by prompt medical attention.

The Blue Ridge Zephyr has made a census of the town of Waynesboro, Franklin county, showing a population of 5,801. The census shows 1,200 married, 1,880 children under the age of 16, 137 widows, and any number of marriageable young men and women. The canvasser got tired counting these and stopped.

The manager of the famous Carlisle Indian School Band has about completed arrangements with the commissioners of the Park Exposition for the trip of the school band to Paris during the Exposition. The expenses of the trip will be met by a tour through the United States before the journey across the sea, and after the Exposition a continental tour of Europe. Sixty Indian musicians, under Professor Dennison Wheelock, of the Onondaga tribe, will make the trip, and the music played will include works of the masters, as well as typical American music.

## Deaths From Consumption in New York.

According to the Medical Record, the death rate for consumption in the State of New York, for the first eight months of 1899, showed an increase over the same period in 1898 of 669. Should this rate of increase prove to have continued the remaining four months, when the statistics have been compiled, the increase in 1899 will be about 1,000 deaths, and will reach 14,000 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in the year, the highest rate ever known in the State. Dr. John H. Pryor favors the appropriation by the Legislature of \$200,000 for establishing a State sanitarium for incipient consumptives, believing that in caring for them the proper place and time until they are well or improved, they can be saved.

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## A Big Electric Line Contract.

An American company has been awarded the contract for the supply of all the trolley, feed and span wires for the equipment of the lines of the Havana Railway Company. The concession to convert the principle existing horse and steam tramways in Havana into electrically-equipped roads has also been granted. There are 54 miles of road in all. The feed wire will cost not less than \$200,000. It will be the largest export contract for electrical wire ever placed in this country: 2,300 iron trolley poles have been ordered at a cost of \$85,000. According to the American Exporter, the Havana company has also ordered sixty carloads of terra cotta conduit in this country.

C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers, opposite the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada, report that never before in their 35 years practice has the work of the Office been so up to date. They claim that patents can now be procured in less than half the time formerly required.

## A BUSY JANUARY

is what we propose making this month. In business circles this is always considered a dull time. Not so here, we have need no rest and are always busy making this the most attractive store for bargain loving people. Rich warm wear-things at little prices all over this big store. In spite of the steady advance in prices of goods all our goods are at the same low level that we've always sold them at.

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"In the good old days of Kentucky," says The Bar, "there was a court composed of three magistrates to try cases appealed from a single justice of the peace. The three magistrates were backwoodsmen. A case was being tried one day that was very important, and several hours of listening to the reading of depositions and the arguments of counsel, pro and con and pro and con again, had so nearly entangled the court in a labyrinth of perplexing questions of law and fact that they doubted their ability to blaze the way out. So they whispered to the leading lawyer at the bar, who was sitting by as a spectator, and asked him what he thought ought to be done with the case."

"I think it ought to be thrown out of court," was the prompt and emphatic reply.

"That settled it."

"Mr. Clerk," said the chief magistrate, "pass up them papers."

"The papers, which made quite a large bundle, were handed the chief magistrate."

"Now, Mr. Sheriff," said he deliberately, "appeal that window."

"The sheriff opened the window and the case was thrown out of court."

"The feud that followed lasted for 15 years."

**What It Might Have Cost.**

In a certain town in Vermont, said the Boston drummer as he chafed away at a peepin tablet, I picked up a wallet containing \$500 in cash. In it were papers bearing the owner's name, and he proved to be the mayor of the town. I at once hunted him up and handed over his lost cash, and as he reached he looked me over and scratched the back of his head and said:

"I shall reward you, of course. How much do you think you ought to have?"

"Nothing whatever, sir. I am glad to restore your property."

"But you expect something?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't look for me to give you a cent?"

"I don't deem possible," he went on as he looked me over again, "but I'll have to take you at your word. Do you know what it might have cost me, sir, had any one else found this wallet?"

"I can't say, of course."

"I'd have had to hand over at least 10 cents, sir, and he might have struck for 15 or 25"—Ohio State Journal.

**A Close Estimate.**

Speaking about close estimates, General John M. Wilson, chief of engineers, made one some time ago. Congress called upon him to make an estimate of the cost of an addition to the government printing office. As it was near the close of the session and congress was hurriedly getting through its work, little time was given General Wilson to consider the matter, but he submitted his estimate, and the appropriation was made accordingly. The estimated cost of the proposed building, according to the plans and specifications which had been drawn, would cost \$121,121.00. The building was completed, and there was \$9.16 surplus covered back into the treasury.

General Wilson was put in charge of this work, and he took a great deal of interest in it. He always gave credit, however, to Lieutenant Sewell of the engineer corps, who had the immediate supervision of the work, for the care with which the building was erected and the fact that the cost did not overrun the estimate and appropriation—Washington Cor. Portland Oregonian.

**How Will 45 and 15 Do?**

Here is an odd little piece of doggerel which appeared in The Gentleman's Magazine 15 years ago, which gave rise to considerable discussion. Correspondents seem to have been pretty evenly divided between those who claimed that there were several answers and such as maintained that the problem was unsolvable:

When first the marriage knot was tied  
Betwixt my wife and me,  
My age did hers far exceed  
As three times three does three,  
But when ten years and half ten years  
We man and wife had been  
Her age came up as near to mine  
As twice four is to sixteen.

Now, tell me, Captain David Gray, I pray,  
What were our ages then,  
(David Gray was a noted writer on mathematical subjects who lived at that time.)

**Wouldn't Sell His Name.**

Soon after General Robert E. Lee went to Lexington, Va., the presidency of an insurance company was offered to him at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He was at that time receiving only \$3,000 as president of the Washington and Lee university. "We do not want you to devote any duties, general," said the agent. "We simply wish the use of your name. That will abundantly compensate us."

"Excuse me, sir," was the prompt and decided rejoinder. "I cannot consent to receive pay for services I do not render."

Nearly every mail brought him similar proposals, and just a short while before his death a large and wealthy corporation in New York city offered him \$50,000 per annum to become its president. But he refused all such offers and quietly pursued his chosen path of duty.—Ladies Home Journal.

**Accommodated.**

The manager of the clothing department opened his envelope on pay day and scowled.

"Look here, Miggs," he said to the cashier, "this is the fourth time in succession you have paid me with three \$20 bills, and I'm getting tired of hustling around to get them changed. Suppose you work your big bill out of some other fellows for awhile, begad?"

"Mr. Miggs," spake up a calm, unemotional, businesslike voice from somebody who was sitting inside the railing with a newspaper in his hand, "for the next four weeks you will please save Mr. Whackham some annoyance by keeping one \$20 bill per week out of his envelope."—Chicago Tribune.

**Known by His Works.**

"They tell me that strange fellow who wuz to th' dance at th' Corners last night is an editor."

"Thass right. He got up them bad programmes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## LARGE LOADS.

**One of the Details That Mean Good Business to the Farmer.**

Much time is lost by drawing small loads. Many times have I seen farmers going to town with a load of wheat of only 30 or 40 bushels. I can remember when a boy we had to draw our wheat and oats to market a distance of 16 miles. Even on good roads we considered 30 bushels of wheat and 60 bushels of oats a good load. Now we draw 80 bushels of wheat and don't consider it any too much. When there is a large quantity of stuff to market a third horse pays well. You can then put on 100 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of oats. One man can do the work, an extra trip is saved, and the third horse does nothing but draw grain. It will take one horse to draw the wagon and the other two horses to draw grain.

A great many loads of logs and bolts are drawn past our house every day in the winter time. It is interesting to notice the difference in the size of loads. Some, with a good team and a long distance to haul, will have on a couple of small logs, while a neighbor with no better team will pile on 10 or 12 logs a large. What a lot of time is wasted here! Frequently large loading is overdone, but more frequently small loading is overdone.

One of the handiest things we have on our farm is a large flat rack, 7½ feet wide and 16 feet long, with a tight, smooth floor laid over it. We use this on our low wheel, wire tire wagon. It stays on all the time, and we use it for nearly everything. It has a 2 by 3 strip nailed around the outer edge to keep loads from slipping off. It is the best thing for drawing in hay or grain that I ever saw.

We can put on some monstrous loads of hay, and it is no trouble to put on 60 dozen of wheat, or all that a large team can handle. It looks like a flat white canvas, and the old fashioned rack looks like a toy beside it. Large loads of hay pay well. They save several extra drives to and from the field. Besides, it does not take any longer to clean up the bottom of the load from a large one than it does from a small one. So time is saved in two ways here. Saving time means lots of money sometimes in drawing hay. It may mean a few dollars more in the end, but from being spoiled by getting wet. I have often wished for an extra day to finish up the hay. Had I used large loads I might have saved a good deal from getting wet.

These things mean business to every farmer. The time is here when the farmer must use more business in his business, writes I. N. Cowdrey in The Country Gentleman.

**Forcing Rhubarb in the Cellar.**

Horticulturist Fred W. Card of the Rhode Island station, in summing up his experience in forcing rhubarb, expresses a desire to impress upon every one who has a garden with rhubarb in it the fact that he and his family may be enjoying in February and March of next year a more beautiful product than the gross stuff in the open ground. To do it he will need to transfer a few roots to a dark corner of the

cellar and pack a little the mellow earth about them, and then simply see that the plants are kept moist. Whoever owns a garden with no rhubarb in it should see that some is planted there forthwith.

A warm cellar will hasten the crop, but a moderately cool one will give a finer product and probably a better yield. The length of time between planting and harvesting varies from less than three weeks to more than two months, depending chiefly upon the temperature. Allowing the roots to freeze in the field will greatly facilitate forcing. Large roots should yield five to ten pounds per plant, and every ten ounces of that yield will make a delicious pie. The color of the cooked product will be much brighter if it is placed upon the stove in cold water, and it will be sweeter if the sugar is added just before it is eaten.

**JUNE GRASS.**

**Recommended For New England Pastures—Heavy Seeding.**

Seeing an inquiry in a western paper in regard to the desirability of sowing Kentucky blue grass upon pasture land, the American Cultivator that not only those making the inquiry, but many farmers in New England, would find an advantage in doing so if they did not feed the field too hard in the spring. The Cultivator says: This grass, known to many here by the name of June grass, or botanically as Poa pratensis, is one of the best pasture grasses, not only making a thick and heavy sod and standing drought better than most others, but also one of the earliest grasses to start and furnish good pasture in the spring. In this lies the danger if it is sown on old pasture. It looks so green that the first year the farmer is apt to turn his cattle upon it before it is well rooted, and it is pulled up rather than bitten or gnawed so closely that the roots die before the grass comes to protect it. Scratch the old pasture over with a sharp toothed harrow or score it with the disk harrow and sow one to three bushels of seed to the acre or one bushel of that and one of red top and keep the stock off until they have made a fair growth and the wild grasses have begun to grow, and the next year they can be fed much earlier, having rooted well, and then will be a good permanent pasture. Of course a good dressing of the pasture so treated with fine manure or a good fertilizer like bone and potash or wood ashes would be an improvement if one had the means, but even without that the pasture would nearly double in feeding capacity.